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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF: FABIO AMICONI, ET AL.  
SERIAL NO.: 10/555,859  
FILED: NOVEMBER 17, 006  
EXAMINER: JANE L. STANLEY  
ART GROUP: 1796  
TITLE: WATER-SOFTENING PRODUCT

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**October 1, 2009****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111****SIR:**

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin at page 7 of this paper